Please amend Claims 1-6, 8, 9, and 11-16 as indicated below. The following is a complete listing of claims and replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the present application:

1. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method to facilitate auditing of data in a database, the method comprising:

entering first data into a first database;

entering second data into at least one second database;

creating an audit configuration including at least one audit parameter and an audit schedule,

wherein the audit schedule indicates whether the audit is to be executed immediately upon the creating of the audit configuration or is to be executed at at least one predetermined date and time subsequent to the creating of the audit configuration, and

wherein the audit schedule indicates whether the audit is a one-time audit or a recurring audit;

executing the audit based at least in part on the audit configuration, wherein the executing of the audit includes:

receiving screen data for navigating to a location of [[said]] the first data[[;]],

issuing a command for navigating to [[said]] the location of [[said]] the first data based on [[said]] the screen data[[;]], and

comparing [[said]] the first data and [[said]] the second data to determine if [[said]] the first data and [[said]] the second data are substantially similar prior to an authorization for a transaction.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein [[said]] the first data includes rate data.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein [[said]] the at least one second database includes at least one inventory management and distribution systems (IMDS) database.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein [[said]] the comparing step includes obtaining [[said]] the second data from [[said]] the at least one second database.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein [[said]] the comparing step includes obtaining [[said]] the second data from [[said]] the at least one second database using at least one of: a Structured Query Language (SQL) query, a screen scraping, and a pattern recognition.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising at least one of: recording and reporting at least one discrepancy resulting from [[said]] the comparing step.

7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising negotiating a rate related to travel related services.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein [[said]] the step of entering first data into a first database is facilitated by a broker.

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein [[said]] the step of entering second data into at least one second database is facilitated by a service provider.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising converting currency to a common currency type.

11. (Currently Amended) A computer-implemented method to facilitate auditing of rate data in a database, the method comprising:

       entering first rate data into a first database;

       entering second rate data into a at least one second database;

       creating an audit configuration including at least one audit parameter and an audit schedule,

          wherein the audit schedule indicates whether the audit is to be executed immediately upon the creating of the audit configuration or is to be executed at at least one predetermined date and time subsequent to the creating of the audit configuration, and

          wherein the audit schedule indicates whether the audit is a one-time audit or a recurring audit;

       executing the audit based at least in part on the audit configuration, wherein the executing of the audit includes:

          receiving screen data for navigating to a location of [[said]] the first rate data;

issuing a command for navigating to [[said]] the location of [[said]] the first rate data based on [[said]] the screen data; and

comparing [[said]] the first rate data and [[said]] the second rate data to determine if [[said]] the first rate data and [[said]] the second rate data are substantially similar <u>prior to an authorization for a transaction</u>.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, wherein [[said]] <u>the at least one</u> second database includes an inventory management and distribution systems (IMDS) database.

13. (Currently Amended) A system configured to facilitate auditing of data in a database, the system comprising:

a first database having first data;

at least one second database having second data; and

a rate tracking (RT) server configured to<u>:</u>

<u>facilitate creating an audit configuration including at least one audit parameter and an audit schedule,</u>

<u>wherein the audit schedule indicates whether the audit is to be executed immediately upon the creating of the audit configuration or is to be executed at at least one predetermined date and time subsequent to the creating of the audit configuration, and</u>

<u>wherein the audit schedule indicates whether the audit is a one-time audit or a recurring audit; and</u>

execute the audit based at least in part on the audit configuration, wherein execution of the audit includes:

receiving screen data for navigating to a location of the first data,

issuing a command for navigating to the location of the first data based on the screen data, and

~~compare said~~ comparing the first data and [[said]] the second data to determine if [[said]] the first data and [[said]] the second data are substantially similar prior to an authorization for a transaction[[,]]

~~wherein said RT server is configured to receive screen data for navigating to a location of said first data, and~~

~~wherein said RT server is configured to issue a command for navigating to said location of said first data based on said screen data.~~

14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising matching a pattern included in [[said]] the screen data to a predefined pattern.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11, further comprising matching a pattern included in [[said]] the screen data to a predefined pattern.

16. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 13, wherein [[said]] the RT server is configured to match a pattern included in [[said]] the screen data to a predefined pattern.